

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. AB-131U

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that
My residence/post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;
I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention
entitled:

High Contact Count Sub-miniature Fully Implantable Cochlear Prosthesis

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

(X) was filed on 03/30/2001 as US Application Serial No. or PCT International Application
Number 09/823,271 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by
any amendment(s) referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37
CFR 1.56.

Foreign Application(s) and/or Claim of Foreign Priority

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor(s) certificate listed below and have
also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor(s) certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE FILED	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119
			YES: NO:
			YES: NO:

Provisional Application

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

APPLICATION SERIAL NUMBER	FILING DATE
60/193,647	3/31/2000

U.S. Priority Claim

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims
of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code Section 112, I acknowledge
the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application
and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that
these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title
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